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SUBJECT: YARD 5 - CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE CEDAR AVENUE AT

RANDALL AVENUE SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECT, IN THE RIALTO AREA

I have reviewed, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, the project description for the above referenced project (Project). The work will involve installing traffic signal poles with street lights at each corner of the Cedar Avenue and Randall Avenue intersection in the Rialto area. Additionally, the installation will include curb ramps, a controller cabinet, striping, and signing. Concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk are existing improvements. The Project is scheduled for the Fiscal Year 2004/05. The estimated construction start date is August 2004, and the duration of construction is approximately five (5) weeks.

The area surrounding the Project site is heavily developed with residential housing, and does not contain habitat suitable for supporting any sensitive species. Concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk are existing improvements. Furthermore, all work will be performed within the existing paved or concrete sidewalk surfaces and within the street right-of-way. Project-related impacts on protected/sensitive species, or their associated habitat, are not anticipated.

The proposed work qualifies for a Categorical Class I Exemption under Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines for maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities, with negligible expansion of the existing use, specifically concerning existing highways and streets.

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